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April 14, 1960

Honorable Jerry H. Glenn  
President State Bar of Arizona  
Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Dear Sir:

The Attorney General acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 12, 1960, with respect to the authorization given to the Board of Governors at the convention of the State Bar held at Chandler on April 9, 1960 to invoke the initiative provision of the Constitution of Arizona at the coming election for the purpose of enacting into law the proposed article relating to the Judicial Department of the State Government.

The Board of Governors desires to be informed if it may expend funds of the State Bar of Arizona to obtain the requisite signatures on the initiative petitions. You call to the attention of the Attorney General A.R.S. § 32-237, paragraph 3, which provides:

"3. Aid in the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and improvement of the administration of justice."

It is the opinion of the Attorney General that the foregoing quoted provision is sufficient authority for the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona to expend funds of the State Bar for the purpose of procuring signatures upon these petitions.

Assuredly the endeavor of the State Bar of Arizona, and the Board of Governors, in the respect indicated, constitutes an "improvement of the administration of justice."

Very truly yours,

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The Attorney General

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Chief Assistant  
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